REMARKS

Application PCT/JP2004/015277 filed October 15, 2004. This application claims priority through Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-357048. An English translation of the International Application is included herewith. Applicant also amended the claims associated with the PCT International Application according to Article 19. An English translation of the claims amended according to Article 19 are likewise included herewith. Applicant desires to enter the U.S. National Phase based upon the claims as amended pursuant to Article 19. As a result, this preliminary amendment incorporates the claims of the original PCT International Application as amended according to Article 19. In addition, because some of the amended claims have multiple dependency, this Preliminary Amendment further amends claims 4, 6-10, 12 and 16 to remove the multiple dependencies from these claims. Applicant has also added three paragraphs to the Specification as indicated in the Amendments to the Specification set forth herein on page 2.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

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In addition, if any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is again respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

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